

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s) : James Hunter Boone, et al.  
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Examiner : Lisa V. Cook  
Title : METHOD FOR DIFFERENTIATING IRRITABLE BOWEL  
SYNDROME FROM INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE  
(IBD) AND FOR MONITORING PERSONS WITH IBD USING  
TOTAL ENDOGENOUS LACTFERRIN AS A MARKER  
Atty. Docket No. : TLAB.79219  
Customer No. : 05251

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**SUMMARY OF OFFICE INTERVIEW**

Applicants submit this Summary setting forth a statement of the substance  
of a telephonic interview that occurred on August 29, 2006.

**Brief Description of the Nature of any Exhibit Shown or any Demonstration  
Conducted:**

None.

**Identification of the Claims Discussed:**

Independent claims 1 and 12.

**Identification of Specific References Discussed:**

Sugi, et al., *The American Journal of Gastroenterology*, Vol. 91, No. 5, pp. 927-934, 1996.

Kruzel, et al., *Advances in Experimental Medicine and Biology*, 1998, 443, pages 167-173, Abstract only.

Peen et al. *Gut*, 1993, 34, 56-62.

**Identification of the Principle Proposed Amendments of a Substantive Nature Discussed:**

Proposed amendments amend claims to include obtaining a fecal sample from a person presenting with symptoms common to IBD and IBS.

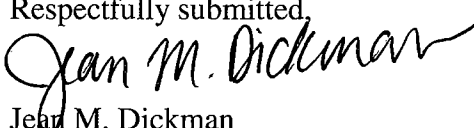
**The General Thrust of the Principal Arguments of Applicant and the Examiner:**

That the proposed claim limitations patentably distinguish over the aforementioned references and other prior art of record.

**General Indication Of Any Other Pertinent Matters Discussed:**

Applicants offered to submit the claim in a formal response, attached herewith.

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